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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1). Attached are copies of three documents and a Form PTO-1449 listing the documents. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), because the references are in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance of each reference is not required. I certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e)(1). A copy of the European Search Report is also attached.

As all of the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references and make them of record. If fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 22-0261 accordingly and notify the undersigned.

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